

STATE ALLIANCE BUSINESS AGENCY.

Conducted by T. Ivey, S. B. A.

Standard granulated sugar is shipped in barrels, or in 100 pound sacks. No half barrels are quoted us. It ships very nicely in sacks.

Every Sub Business Agent should act as agent for THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. Insist on it; see that your members take it, and pay for it. We cannot hope to have enthusiasm in the Sub unless the members read the organ of the Order. No other paper can take its place.

TOMB STONES—Those in need of any kind of tomb stones, monuments or curbing, can save money by corresponding with the Agency. State clearly what you wish, giving age of deceased, and designs will be sent you. There is a very wide range in the style and cost of tomb stones, so it is better to state about what price you desire to pay. The company with which we have contracted carries a large stock and has, perhaps, the leading marble yard in the State. Any inquiry will be promptly answered and any order coming through the Agency will be discounted to purchaser, besides the shipment will be delivered freight paid to any railroad station in North Carolina.

Now if you need anything in this line, let us hear from you.

SHIPPING WOOL—We have sent out a great many samples, price lists and shipping directions for wool. As yet have notice of very few shipments. Unless you ship by our directions, the State Alliance loses your support. The working of wool is one item for which we have never been able to contract advantageously for the producer. The mills give the Agency a small commission, scarcely enough to pay expenses, but no discount to producer. This is the best we have been able to do. If you ship by our directions you help the Agency. The Agency offers you in return as much work and as good goods as you would get anywhere, and it proposes to protect you in the transaction.

Ship to T. Ivey, S. B. A., Liberty, N. C., and send directions and bill of lading to us at Raleigh.

Ship vegetables, fruit and produce to T. Ivey, S. B. A., Boston, New York, Pittsburgh, Pa., Baltimore, Richmond, Va., Newark, N. J., Philadelphia, Pa.

Mark distinctly and place your own name on package, then notify the agency at Raleigh of shipment. We can not be responsible for consignments unless these simple directions are followed. When you make first shipment, then our agents will keep you posted as to prices.

Caution. New fruits and tender, perishable vegetables forwarded by freight long distances are apt to arrive in bad condition. Such goods should be shipped by express.

Good, or no good? Help, or no help? Which will you have? Which will you do? Is the Alliance of any good in North Carolina? Has it cheapened the price of goods? Has it taught you how to trade? Has it educated the people? Has it opened your eyes? Has it been of any benefit? If so, does it not demand your hearty support?

Does the Agency help you? Do you help the Agency? It cannot live without support. The Alliance cannot live without the Agency. The duty is clear.

If you wish to continue the battle against monopolies, trusts and combines, if you wish to educate against mortgages and their attending slavery, if you wish to cultivate independence of thought and action, if you wish to improve the moral, social and financial condition of the laboring class of people, then RALLY TO THE ALLIANCE.

What were conditions up to ten years ago? Scarcely one man in ten of the great class of laboring people had any intelligence as to the vital questions of the day. To-day no class is better informed. What has brought about this change of condition? The Alliance. If you don't appreciate it, let the Alliance go. If you do, lift high her colors, rally to the cause. Keep up the wave of intelligence. Let no one exceed you in loyalty, in devotion. Return not again to former conditions.

"Be not dumb driven cattle, Be a hero in the strife."

There is no doubt about it. Fertilizer is the most important single item that the Agency has to consider. It is the most important subject for the farmer. It has been said that the manure pile is the farmer's bank. It is literally true. No farmer can succeed without a good supply of plant food. It must be present in the soil, or it must be supplied mechanically. Much of the very best material for fertilizer can be saved on the farm, if care is taken. Any farmer makes manure, but few save it to best advantage. Examine your own premises now, and see if you are saving as you can. What are you doing with the ashes? In every 100 pounds there are nearly 10 pounds of potash and five pounds of phosphoric acid. A pound of unleached oak wood ashes contains mortifying constituents than a pound of kainit, and yet many bushels are thrown away every year, or allowed to waste. Hen manure is almost entirely wasted by being carelessly thrown to the weather. Stable manure is allowed to fire fang or to dry out from exposure. There are many sources of manure and causes of waste. Let every farmer, this year, save carefully every ounce of plant food. Then these materials must be utilized to best advantage. The Agency is in possession of a number of good "home made" manure formulas which will be given on application, or will appear in this magazine from time to time. In the meantime we expect to have a better contract for commercial fertilizer than we have had formerly.

ALLIANCE PRICE LIST.

All prices given in this list are subject to change without notice. In case of decline, you get the benefit of it; if prices go higher, you pay the advance. In placing orders through the State Business Agency members are buying direct from dealers or manufacturers, through their own hired agents. This Agency is not in any way liable for losses, freight, taxes, damages or anything else of that nature. Orders are placed exactly as sent in, and there is no responsibility on our part. We are liable only for errors made in this office, and for such will make due reparation, but beyond this we assume no responsibility. In case of lost goods, or any other delay or dissatisfaction, we will take pleasure in rendering any assistance we can toward getting matters righted.

Prices on anything not quoted in this list will be on application.

All orders must have upon them the seal of the Alliance. Seals furnished delivered at \$1.50 each.

Please write plainly, stating postoffice and shipping point, giving the line on which your station is located, unless it is a well-known point, and if a prepay station so state.

Baking Powder—

Perfect, lbs. per dozen, Phila. \$2.00

Perfect, 1-4 lbs. per doz. 1.00

Brans and Ship Stuff—

Brans per ton. 20.25

Ship Stuff per ton. 21.00

Coffee—

Fancy old green Java, Phila. 27.1-2

Choice green Java, " 27.1-2

Prime green Rio, " 17.8-4

Rio Peaberry, " 20.1-2

Choice green Maracaibo, " 21.1-2

Fancy green Rio, " 21.1-2

Good green Rio, " 17.1-4

Extra choice green Rio, " 19.1-4

Common green Rio, " 19.1-4

Choice roasted Rio, " 21.1-2

Ordinary roasted Rio, " 19.1-2

Good roasted Rio, " 19.1-2

Morning roasted Glory, " 14

Arbuckle's Ariosa, 100 in case, Norfolk. 21.70

" 60 " 21.80

" 30 " 21.90

Fancy Rio green, " 18.1-2

Choice " 18.1-2

Fancy " 18.1-2

Choice " 18.1-2

Extra choice green Rio, Raleigh. 20

Prime " 17.1-4

Good " 17.1-4

Cheese—

Fancy York State, per lb, Phila. 10.1-2

Choice " 9.1-2

Ceddars 50-60 lbs, Norfolk. 11.1-2

Small cheese 20-30 lbs, Norfolk. 11.1-2

Cakes and Crackers—

Assorted cakes, Phila. 7.1-2

Butter crackers, " 5.1-2

Coffee biscuit, " 5.1-2

Crackers, " 5.1-2

Crackers Trenton & family, " 5.1-2

Mixed cakes, " 7.1-2

Crackers X, " 7.1-2

Orders not filled for less than barrel or box.

Weight of barrel, 55 to 60 lbs, box 20 to 30 lbs.

Candy—

Stick candy, 200 lb bbls, per " 6

Stick candy, 30 lb pails, per " 6.1-2

Fine mixtures, 200 lb bbls, per pound 5.1-2

" 25 lb boxes, per " 6

Flour—

Golden sheaf, patent, per bbl, Phila. \$4.75

" 40 lb pails, per " 4.75

Good family, " 4.75

Luxury, " 4.75

Hungarian best patent, Norfolk. 4.75

Excelsior, choice family, " 4.75

Ruby, fair family, " 4.40

Golden rod 2d patent, Raleigh. 4.75

White wonder 1st patent, " 5.00

Fish—

White fish f o b Philadelphia, per 100 lbs., 3.75

Lye—

Keystone, 4 dozen in case, per case, Phila. 2.50

Gloucester ball potash, per case, " 3.50

Star, Norfolk. 3.50

Mendison's Lye, " 3.15

Star ball potash, " 3.00

Lard—

Pure leaf lard, tierces, Richmond. 7.3-4

Red leaf lard, tierces, " 7.3-4

Refined lard (stand) tierces, " 5.1-2

Relative prices various size pkgs:—

50 lb plain tubs, " 1-8 over tierces

50 lb wooden pails, " 5-8 " "

50 lb tins, 2 in case, " 1-4 " "

10 lb " 8 " " 3-4 " "

5 lb " 12 " " 7-8 " "

3 lb " 20 " " 1-3 " "

Syrup and Molasses (f. o. b. Baltimore)—

34 bbl. 2c. per gal., 5 and 10 gal. kegs 5c. per gal. Above bbl. prices.

Syrup—

A. 10

B. 10

C. 10

Silver Drip. 27

Molasses—

Fancy Ponce P. R. 31

Amboibo, " 25

Muscavado Cuba, " 16

Orange Grove, N. C., " 27

Salt—

100 lbs. Europe fine Amer., Wilmington, 38

" 180 " " " 57

" 100 " " " 57

" 224 " Factory filled Dairy, " 1.18

Tobacco—

Barnes' New South, Philadelphia. 27

" Good Cheer, " 27

" Our Ideal, " 27

" Big Chief, " 30

Pilot Mountain, N. C.

Pilot Hustler, 9-in. 5s, 10, 20, 40-lbs. 18

Pilot Brown, 9-in. 5s, 10, 20, 40-lbs. 18

Pilot Extra, 9-in. 4s, 10, 20, 40-lbs. 25

Honest Frank, 9-in. 4s, 10, 20-lbs. 25

Little Brown, 9-in. 4s, 10, 20-lbs. 25

Oxford, N. C.

Alliance Sweet, 10-pound cad. 20

" Sun Cured, " 30

" Mahogany, " 30

LEAF IN HAND.

Common. 5 to 6

Good. 9 to 10

Extra. 11 to 12 1/2

Harness and Saddles—

Single Buggy Harness: 5.70, 7.13, 8.08, 9.50, 10.93, 13.87, 25.

Double Buggy Harness: 17.10, 19.00, 23.75, 28.50.

Single Wagon Harness: 5.70, 6.42, 7.13, 7.90, 9.50.

Double Wagon Harness: 11.40, 13.20, 14.25, 17.10.

Single Wagon Breaching: 2.14, 2.38, 2.85, 3.33, 3.80.

Double Wagon Breaching: 2.85, 3.30, 4.75, 6.18.

Riding Saddles: 3.85, 4.35, 4.85, 5.35, 6.18, 8.55.

Collars, Each: 75c., 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00.

Wagon Collars, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00.

Riding bridles: 75c., 1.00, 1.25, 1.50.

Collar Pads, Each: 25c., 35c., 50c., 60c.

Hook Hames: 55c., 75c.

Halter: 25c., 35c., 50c., 60c.

Horse Blankets, Horse Sheets, Lap Robes, Lap Dusters, Horse Brushes, Curry Combs, Wagon Buggy and Riding Whips, Harness Oil, Dressing and Soap. All the above at reasonable prices.

SHEEPS (F. O. B. RICHMOND, VA.)

Cloth bags for clover charged extra 20c.

Clover—

Prime Red. \$5.85 per bus.

Choice Red. 5.15 " "

Mammoth or Sapling. 6.25 " "

Lucern or Alfalfa. 12 per lb.

Alaska. 15 per bus.

Japan. 12 per bus.

Timothy extra. 20

Grass—

Choice Timothy. 2.75 " 45 lbs.

Prime Red Top or Berds. 60 " 45 lbs.

Fancy. 15 per lb.

Prime Orchard Grass. 2.00 per bus. 14 "

Choice. 2.10 " 14 "

Bromus Inermis. 2.10 " 14 "

Extra Clean Ky. Blue. 1.10 " 14 "

Fancy Kentucky. 1.40 " 14 "

Tall Meadow Oak. 1.40 " 14 "

Fine Lawn Grass. 2.25 " 14 "

Peas—

Canada Field. 1.20 " "

Queen of Carolina, 2-oz. 25 " "

Oats (prices include bags)—

White Spring, bagged, 45 per bus.

Black. 45 " "

Red Rust Proof. 50 " "

Prime Virginia Winter, bagged, 50 " "

Choice Virginia Winter, bagged, 55 " "

Millet—

Choice German, Southern, 1.60 " 50 "

Potatoes Northern grown—

Maine Early Rose, choice choice, 3.00 per bbl.

Beauty of Hebron, extra choice, 3.00 " "

Bliss Triumph, 3.40 " "

Howe's Premium, or Pride of South, 4.25 " "

Second Crop, Southern Grown—

Early Rose, 3.00 " "

Crown Jewel, double head round, 3.00 " "

Barrel, 3.00 " "

Bliss Triumph, round hoop barrel, 3.25 " "

Onion Sets—

Yellow Danvers. \$2.50 per bus.

White or Silver Skin. 3.00 " "

Yellow Potato, small size, 2.50 " "

" medium size, 2.00 " "

White potato, 2.50 " "

DRY GOODS.

(F. O. B. Raleigh)

Bleached Domestic—

Common 00-44. 5

Monroe Mills 4-4. 5

Barker. 4-4. 5

Fruit of the Loom 4-4. 6 1/2

Masonville 4-4. 6 1/2

Unbleached Domestic—

Larchmont 1 yd. wide. 4 1/2

King of All 1 yd. wide. 4 1/2

Webster A. A. 1 yd. wide. 4 1/2

Graham A. A. 1 yd. wide. 4 1/2

White Star A. A. 1 yd. wide, heavy. 5 1/2

Arista Mills 1 yd. wide, extra heavy. 5 1/2

Gingham—

Caraleigh Mills. 4 1/2

Climax Zephyrs. 4 1/2

Black Hawk. 4 1/2

Fancy Dress Styles. 5 to 6 1/2

Calico—

Lodi Shirtings. 3 1/2

Central Park Shirting. 3 1/2

American. 4 to 4 1/2

Dress Styles—

Plaids—

23-inch N. C. Plaids. 3 1/2

25-inch " 3 1/2

27-inch " 3 1/2

27-inch " (extra heavy). 4 1/2

27-inch Southern Silk. 6 1/2